

# **FISCAL NOTE**

## **HB 139 - SB 413**

February 14, 2005

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Amends the Solid Waste Disposal Act to require any person who owns or operates a landfill to use native grasses to cover the landfill when it has been filled or otherwise closed for operation. Authorizes the Department of Environment and Conservation to promulgate rules and regulations.

### **ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**Increase State Expenditures – Not Significant**

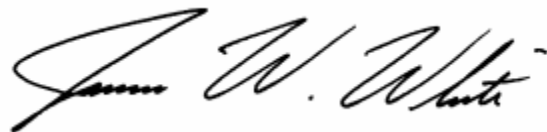
**Increase Local Govt. Expenditures – Not Significant**

Assumptions:

- Cost of planting native grasses will be slightly higher for local governments that operate landfills, but long-term maintenance costs will be lower.
- No additional personnel or resources will be required by the Department of Environment and Conservation.

### **CERTIFICATION:**

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James W. White". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

James W. White, Executive Director